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**PATENT APPLICATION
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Serial No. 09/393,482 Group Art Unit No. 3677
Filing Date: September 10, 1999 Examiner: C. Lugo
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Title: Reinforcement for a Hose Coupling

Notice of Appeal

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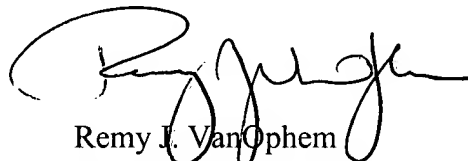
Applicant hereby appeals to the Board of Appeals from the decision of the Examiner's Final Rejection dated October 1, 2002, paper number 20, wherein Claims 1-5, 11 and 12 stand finally rejected.

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Respectfully submitted,

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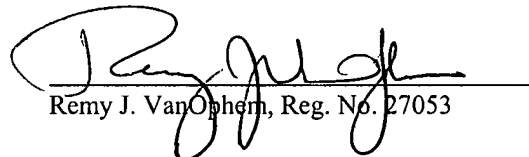
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